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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BAMAKO 378, SENT SECSTATE 29 JANUARY 76:

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FOR AF/W ONLY TOM SMITH

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SUBJ: ANOTHER SANCTION?

REF: BAMAKO 94

1. A LOCAL LABOR SOURCE HAS TOLD THIS EMBASSY THAT THE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) HAS CUT OFF FURTHER
AID TO AND RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN
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WORKERS (UNTM). ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE AALC SOME

WEEKS AGO SENT A LETTER TO THE UNTM STATING THAT BECAUSE OF THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT STAND ON THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION AT THE UN, AND ON SEATING THE PLO IN THE ILO, AALC WOULD NO HBNGER SUPPORT UNTM PROJECTS. UNTM SECRETARY GENERAL SEYDOU DIALLO REPORTEDLY FIRED BACK A BITTER REPLY. GRM, HOWEVER, THEN CHASTIZED DIALLO FOR BEING ABRASIVE WITH AMERICANS AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF WAS TRYING HARD TO REPAIR RELATIONS. NEITHER DIALLO NOR THE GRM HAS RAISED THE MATTER WITH THIS EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: IF THE REPORT IS TRUE, THE AALC ACTION JEOPARDIZES EIGHT YEARS OF CAREFULLY NURTURED RELATIONS WITH THE UNTM WHICH NOW STANDS ON THE THRESHOLD OF AN IMPORTANT NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL ROLE IN MALI (REFTEL). FURTHER, THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT PROBABLY ASSUMES THIS ACTION IS ANOTHER OFFICIAL USG SANCTION OF MALIAN BEHAVIOR AT THE UN FOLLOWING OUR TERMINATION OF MILITARY SALES. APPROPRIATE UNION AND GOVERNMENTAL ROLES HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY MUDDLED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING WHETHER THE AALC HAS IN FACT CUT OFF ASSISTANCE TO THE UNTM. IF IT HAS, COULD YOU CABLE SUMMARIES OR POUCH COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE ASAP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS WELL YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE AALC ACTION AND THE DEGREE OF USG SUPPORT IT MIGHT ENJOY. MCGUIRE UNQUOTE. SISCO

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